

**The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
October 9, 2022**

*Welcome to the Church of the Messiah
We are delighted to have you worshipping with us.*

Is an animal part of your family?
Do you want to give thanks for them and have them blessed?
Would you like to take them to Church?
Do you want to celebrate the natural world?
Is justice and care for those who are poor important to you?
Do you want to learn about one of the coolest Saints?

Come to

**St. Francis Day
A Liturgy of Morning Prayer
and Blessing of Animals**

This Sunday, October 9, 2022, 8:30am & 10am



**Church of the Messiah
22 Church Street
Woods Hole, Massachusetts**

"When you work you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music.
Which of you would be a reed, dumb and silent, when all else sings together in unison?
Always you have been told that work is a curse and labour a misfortune.
But I say to you that when you work you fulfil a part of earth's furthest dream,
assigned to you when that dream was born,
And in keeping yourself with labor you are in truth loving life,
And to love life through labor is to be intimate with life's inmost secret."

Khalil Gibran, *The Prophet*, 1923

Church of the Messiah Mission Statement

The Church of the Messiah is an inclusive and welcoming community

- *Committed to serving God by serving neighbors near and far;*
- *Affirming the dignity of every human being;*
- *Believing we are called to be stewards of creation.*
- *adopted by the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah on February 10, 2015.*

ALL ARE WELCOME: A Word from the Bridge Priest and the Wardens

As an Episcopal parish, our intention is to welcome any and all who come into our midst whether physically or virtually. We are delighted to have you here. Welcome!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from racial profiling, addiction, anxiety, abuse, dementia, cancer, emotional distress, are suffering from or ministering to those with COVID-19 here and around the world. We pray for all who are unemployed or homeless. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate. Along with so many around the world, we pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to suffer from Russia's invasion. Finally, we pray for all who serve in the diplomatic corps and in the armed and peacekeeping forces.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Miyoko, Helen, Dicky, Bobby, Lydia, David, Nancy.

Dear Parishioners,

As a Pastoral Theology professor, one of the first models I use with students is that of Family Systems Theory. It gives an opportunity for students to look at “their own stuff,” what patterns of relationship they bring with them into ministry, how that will resource them, and what “baggage” they might be inclined to carry over. Part of the theory is that organizational systems can often work like family systems unconsciously, and that a congregation, as a relational system, needs all the same kind of things that a family needs to be healthy, and that sometimes they fall into the same kind of dynamics that families can as well. As we all know from our own families, there is no ideal. There are times when a family can support the best in each other - communicating openly, listening to each other, dealing with conflict directly and without blame, and supporting individuals whilst recognizing the impact on the whole family. There are also times when family can bring out our worst – treating someone as if they are “the problem,” keeping secrets, cutting off from relationship, and ‘triangulating,’ – focusing on another, talking about another, rather than dealing directly with that person or with what may be avoided in your own relationship or functioning that may be anxiety producing. If we don’t pay attention, its sometimes easy to slip into familiar dynamics in our employment, community, and religious groups, as we did/do in our family. However, sometimes we can be our best selves in those places, and our worst selves at home. However, just like in a family, in a congregation people tend to need:

- a sense of belonging (inclusion)
- that their presence makes a difference and they have some share in the mission and ministry (impact or influence)
- that they can be who they are without judgement (intimacy).

My hope is that all of you, (however, invested you are in the congregation, whether being here on (some) Sundays only, or heavily involved in committee work and congregational ministries,) feel and know that you belong, you are valued for who you are, and that your presence is a gift to us, as we all seek to respond to and be resourced for the call of God on our lives and in our world. I hope this is communicated to you from the ushers who welcome you in on a Sunday, to the person who picks up the phone when you call. I also hope you communicate this to others in your relating to them.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians speaks about congregational systems in the language of ‘the body.’

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (I Cor 12:14-26

For me, “the person who picks up the phone,” Nancy McDonald, the Parish Administrator, is such a key part of this congregational body. If we play with the analogy that Paul offers us, she is so often the ear, hand, eye, and more of the congregation. Perhaps she is more the central nervous system, responding and regulating all that which is taken in by the senses, and holding the system in harmonious balance. Over these past few months, my respect and honor for the work Nancy does and how she does it has only grown in magnitude. As you all may well know, a parish administrator is purposely not a member of the congregation, so not to prevent problematic dual roles between priest and employees, but they are key to the daily functioning of the congregation as an entity on a day-by-day basis. Nancy shows the best of the Church of the Messiah, in her clear, direct, and efficient functioning, and in her relationality, that communicates compassion, connection to both the Church and wider community, and in who she is, as someone who has deep interests, loving relationships, and an almost indefatigable cheerful attitude, even when stressed or confused. This Thursday Nancy celebrated seven years with the Church of the Messiah. She has seen a lot of change over that time, (now as much as any,) and she has continued in her dedicated, experienced, adaptable, and lifegiving ministry here. You may wish, in the week ahead, to find some way of expressing your gratitude for Nancy and her work here over the last seven years, and hopefully more to come.

It is often people who are behind the scenes that are most key in a congregation, those beyond the obvious leadership, who hold a congregation together. Over these past months I have seen this in many congregation members. Along with my immense gratitude for Nancy, I am grateful for you all, how you live out your ministries in the congregation and in the community – the call that God has on all of our lives, to strive to be our best selves, loving our neighbors, confronting injustice, and walking humbly to see God in both church and world, and act accordingly.

Blessings,

Storm+

Bridge Priest

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

Work is nearing completion on a revised set of bylaws for the church. (Our bylaws were last modified in 1985.) Susan Morse has chaired the committee consisting of Joan Holden and Mary Fran Buckley. The bylaws will be reviewed and approved by the vestry and then presented to the congregation for approval at our annual meeting in January.

This week we issued a Request for Proposal to 14 local contractors to complete the required renovations to the rectory, including new windows, doors, siding, trim, insulation, kitchen and paint. We plan to apply for two loans, one from the Diocese’s Stokes Fund and the other from Cape Cod 5 under the Mass Save program, to cover the costs. We will also be launching a new capital campaign to cover the payments on the loans. More details on that in the coming months.

The next vestry meeting is Monday, October 10th, at 5pm.

A NEW YEAR FOR OUTREACH, Thursday, October 13, 2022

The first meeting of the Outreach Committee this year has been postponed until **Thursday, October 13th**, at 10 am at the PCC. Many of you indicated an interest in joining the committee and we hope you will be able to come to the meeting. We will be planning for the 2022-23 year and welcome all ideas from interested men and women.

This first meeting is on Thursday but we are open to changing the day and time of the meeting to suit the convenience of the members. We want and need the participation of everyone in the church. Please join us! Contact Carol Casey (508-299-8330/mccrwc@hotmail.com) with any questions or comments.

HOSPITALITY

Coffee Hour has begun again and the kitchen is being re-organized, sorting through duplicates, etc. Several personal aprons were discovered in the closet and put on the counter. If you think you left an apron here pre-pandemic, please check and take it home. There are red CoM aprons available in the closet. Thank you!



MUSIC NEWS: Choir and Chime Choir has started!

Autumn is rapidly approaching and choir rehearsals resumed on **Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm**. After a long break, we are resuming our hand chime choir which also started on **September 7th at 7:00pm**.

We are always welcoming new members! If you are interested in singing and/or ringing with us, please speak to Brittany. All experience levels welcome!

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY, October 10th, Christ Church in Plymouth

Join us for a powerful celebration of Indigenous lives, stories, food, and experiences. After bearing witness to personal and tribal stories shared by our guests, enjoy a midday menu of all-locally sourced, native-inspired recipes and share across the table and across cultures. Then, in a service of mourning and reconciliation, Bishops of both Massachusetts dioceses will respond to what was heard in the shared stories. You won't want to miss this event as we recognize and celebrate Indigenous people of Massachusetts and beyond and take this groundbreaking step as a church and as people.

Registration link for social media:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejc90hz1d16c469f&llr=s4blzzbab>

Find flier and promotional graphic here: <https://www.diomass.org/event/2022-indigenous-peoples-day-gathering>

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has returned their surveys distributed by the Search Committee. The information gathered in the surveys will be used to help us discern what the Church of Messiah will be looking for in a new rector.

You can access the survey in several ways:

- Copies will be available in the back of the Church and distributed after the 8:30 and 10:00 services
- Copies will be available in the Church office

Members of the Search Committee will be available on Sunday, October 9th, after the 10:00 service to meet with you to discuss their thoughts or questions about the survey or process. This will be the last meeting before the survey reply period ends on October 16th. We will meet in the Conference Room at the PCC and will be available until 11:45.

The Zoom Community is invited to participate in a Post 10:00 am October 9th service that will be facilitated by Jim Galloway and Julia Alling. The Facilitators will be using the same link as for the church Service.

The Search Committee will have the following ways to gather responses:

- Meeting times for small group discussions will be scheduled for the various groups listed above and the schedule will be listed in the Good News
- Search Committee members will reach out by email or phone if there is a schedule conflict with meeting times or for those who want to discuss the survey one-on-one
- The surveys can be dropped off or mailed to the Church office, 16 Church St., Woods Hole, 02543
- The surveys may be left in the Survey Collection box in the back of the Church

Please return your survey by October 16, 2022.

You are welcome to contact any member of the search committee with questions or comments. Your input is important and we are ready to answer your questions.

The Search committee members contact information is listed below:

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Thank you for your thoughts and input as we continue the search process.

REPARATIONS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

A presentation was given on September 21st. To read the report discussed you can follow this <https://legacyofslavery.harvard.edu/report>. You can also watch the film that Cristine shared about the process for the creation of the report- <https://legacyofslavery.harvard.edu/film>. Cristine also offered people her email chutchisonjones@radcliffe.harvard.edu and said you can be in contact with her directly. With gratitude for all who attended, The Reparations Community of Practice team

Please join us on October 19th for an equally powerful program. ZOOM link and program description below. Please share broadly.

Wednesday, October 19th 4:00-5:15pm - Rabbi Devorah Jacobson, Jeffrey Gold, Lynne Layton, and Nakhie Faynshteyn, MA Jews and Reparations: Secular and Religious Frames

In September and October, Jews everywhere will celebrate the high holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. As reparationist Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb has written, in Jewish tradition “the 40 day period from the new moon of Elul through Yom Kippur is wholly devoted to Teshuva, a process of healing repair for ethical injury, unjust action and moral harm. Our ancestors believed our communities could not celebrate a new year (or any other festival) without first offering reparations marked by public apology and transfers of wealth to injured parties.” Individuals, too, are called upon to acknowledge harm done and to make repair. In this presentation, we begin by introducing some of the reparations work that national Jewish groups have undertaken and how that work is understood in a Jewish ethical and religious context. Then, focusing in on Massachusetts, Nakhie Faynshteyn and Lynne Layton from the secular Jewish organization, Boston Workers Circle, and Rabbi Devorah Jacobson and Jeffrey Gold from the Reconstructionist Jewish congregation, Jewish Community of Amherst, will discuss our reparations work.

For ZOOM connection click on this [ZOOM link](#).

Rev. Arrington Chambliss, Executive Director, Episcopal City Mission

WOODS HOLE INSIGHT MEDITATION COMMUNITY

The Woods Hole Insight Meditation Community meets every Monday from 3 – 4 PM. The format includes 10 minutes of introductions, 30 minutes of sitting with brief instructions, a 10-minute break for questions and a closing 10 Loving Kindness meditation. Our leaders include people who are experienced meditators and have done some teaching. Due to COVID, the group has been meeting online and recently introduced an in-person masked option. Further information can be found on our website:

www.woodsholeinsightmeditationcommunity.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS TO THE CEMETERY MAY ALSO BE MADE ONLINE

Contributions may be made **online** through Vanco Payment Solutions. These can be scheduled on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. If you wish to donate now, please go to the church website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org and click on the *Donate* tab on the upper right of the Home page and follow the top link.

Donations to the Cemetery Annual Appeal and Perpetual Care Fund may also be made online, via PayPal. Click on the *Donate* tab and follow the bottom link to PayPal. Please indicate if you wish to donate to the Annual Appeal or the Perpetual Care Fund.

We also have the capacity to receive stock transfers. For further information on any of the above, please call the church office at 508-548-2145 and leave a voice mail.

October 2022 - November 2022

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